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FOR:

SURFACE-EMISSION LASER DIODE OPERABLE IN THE WAVELENGTH BAND OF 1.1-

1.7μm AND OPTICAL

TELECOMMUNICATION SYSTEM USING SUCH A LASER DIODE

RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT AND SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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SIR:

In response to the Official Action mailed July 30, 2003, Applicants elect without traverse Claims 6-8 directed to Species I. Applicants make this election based on the understanding that Applicants are not prejudiced against filing one or more divisional applications that cover the non-elected claims.

Furthermore, prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 36 of this paper.